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PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 02860.0683

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kunio Shimizu et al.) Group Art Unit: 1772
Application No.: 09/900,961) Examiner: Sow-Fun Hon
Filed: July 10, 2001) Confirmation No. 7969
For: CELLULOSE ESTER FILM, CELLULOSE ESTER DOPE, PROTECTIVE FILM OF POLARIZING PLATE AND POLARIZING PLATE))))

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.